

better hospital remained sound and that Vermonters would benefit from it.

Through the years and with a broad array of causes, Wick's message has been "get involved, get committed, do what you can to help achieve success and don't forget that little things do matter," according to his friend, Dan Feeney, who worked with Wick on several capital campaigns.

Burlington, and Vermont, have been the fortunate benefactors of Wick's remarkable ability to rally people around good causes, including the United Way, the American Cancer Society, the Intervale Foundation, the ECHO Center and the Community Health Center.

The health center, which serves underinsured and uninsured Vermonters, recognized Wick at its annual meeting this week as a kind of guru or "professor" of community fund-raisers in Burlington. "To have Hilton as your friend is to have a mentor, a philanthropic advisor, social connector, politician and the best story teller," according to an announcement from the health center.

When people gather Sunday to honor Wick, now 85, they will share stories of a man who leads by example, inspiring others to give back to the community—a commitment he has held deeply since escaping death in the South Pacific during World War II.

The son of a railroad worker and homemaker in rural Pennsylvania, Wick came to Vermont in 1949 after graduating from Harvard Law School the previous year. He practiced law and continues the practice with his son Jim at Wick & Maddocks in Burlington; he taught business law at the University of Vermont; and he was president and later chairman of the board of Chittenden Trust Co. He ran for governor in 1984 and served a term as a state senator in 1988.

His friends know him especially for his devotion to his family—his five children and his late wife Barbara, who died of breast cancer in 2001—and his community.

George Little, a former state senator who served with Wick on a number of fund-raising drives, said his longtime friend has raised more money for health care, education and other projects "than I can possibly count.

"Hilton is an extraordinary human being who has made his life an example of thoughtful, unselfish generosity to his community," Little said.

Lois McClure said Wick encouraged her and her late husband, Mac, to give to a number of worthy projects including a building constructed in the 1980s at Fletcher Allen that bears the McClure name. "Mac said, 'When someone like Hilton feels I should do it, I guess I had better do it.'" McClure recalled.

For Wick's daughter, Julia, her father is a kind-hearted role model with a unique sense of humor and a love of story-telling. He is dedicated, she said, to helping those in need, "a quiet and determined leader who imparts his knowledge through inspiration."

Wick, who now lives at Shelburne Bay Senior Living Community, said in an interview Friday that he has enjoyed helping Burlington, "a great place to live"—and particularly the hospital, where "the wonderful medical personnel have kept me alive, when I'm not sure I was entitled to it."

Wick's countless hours of public service have been recognized with numerous accolades over the years, including several "Man of the Year" awards from organizations and "Father of the Year" from the Lund Family Center. But the real benefits are experienced every day in the community, which has been enriched and improved because of him.

Next time you walk across the plaza at Fletcher Allen Health Care, think of Hilton Wick and the many contributions he has made.●

CONGRATULATING SALYERSVILLE GRADE SCHOOL

● Mr. BUNNING. Mr. President, today I rise to congratulate Salyersville Grade School of Salyersville, KY. Salyersville Grade School is recognized as a 2005 No Child Left Behind Blue Ribbon School.

The Blue Ribbon Schools Program has been celebrating high achieving schools for over 20 years. Established in 1982 by the U.S. Department of Education, the program has recognized more than 3,000 schools since its inception. This year, six Kentucky schools join this distinguished list, and I am proud to say that Salyersville Grade School is one of the worthy recipients.

By demanding excellence from each and every student, Salyersville Grade School truly celebrates the blue ribbon standard of excellence that the No Child Left Behind Program strives to achieve. Salyersville Grade School is an example of what our Kentucky schools can achieve when we have enough faith in our students to challenge them to become the leaders this country so desperately needs.

I congratulate Salyersville Grade School on this achievement. The administrators, teachers, parents, and students of this school are an inspiration to the citizens of Kentucky. I look forward to all that Salyersville Grade School accomplishes in the future.●

CONGRATULATING SAINT AGNES PARISH SCHOOL

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By demanding excellence from each and every student, Saint Agnes Parish School truly celebrates the blue ribbon standard of excellence that the No Child Left Behind Program strives to achieve. Saint Agnes Parish School is an example of how Kentucky's Catholic schools continue to inspire young minds by providing a caring, faith-based learning environment.

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CONGRATULATING CHRIST THE KING SCHOOL

● Mr. BUNNING. Mr. President, today I rise to congratulate Christ the King

School of Lexington, KY. Christ the King School is recognized as a 2005 No Child Left Behind Blue Ribbon School.

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CONGRATULATING BRODHEAD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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CONGRATULATING SOUTHERN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

● Mr. BUNNING. Mr. President, today I rise to congratulate Southern Elementary School of Beaver Dam, KY. Southern Elementary School is recognized as